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Daan Kersten to carve-out and scale Technobis' integrated photonics activities to service global markets

Investor Active Capital Company attracts former Additive Industries CEO to accelerate growth of Dutch pioneer

Alkmaar, October 1st, 2020 – Technobis Group has engaged Daan Kersten to build a leading company in the field of integrated photonics sensing based on the unique proprietary technology that has been developed over the last eighteen years by pioneer and founder Pim Kat and his team. The leading team of technology experts has developed a portfolio of solutions and comprehensive roadmap, ready to be applied to a large variety of applications in demanding industries like Aerospace, Medical, Mobility and Energy worldwide. Integrated photonics sensing is a rapidly developing technology, substituting conventional sensing technologies with factor 10,000x in frequency, number of sensing points & resolution (accuracy) and at least ten times less weight, with very low power usage.

Daan Kersten, former founder and CEO of Additive Industries has gained extensive experience in building and scaling a global (deep) tech company in additive manufacturing that serves similar end-markets. "I'm proud to be trusted with the heritage of Dutch integrated photonics sensing pioneer Pim Kat and his talented team. The photonics industry resembles the additive manufacturing market when I founded Additive Industries, the technology was almost mature and ready for industrial applications, and I'm eager to catch this new wave in integrated photonics."

Pim Kat added: "Technobis' integrated photonics sensing outlook is promising with the goals and roadmaps well set. Based on his recent track record, we trust to have found in Daan Kersten the right man to accelerate the business and capitalize on the extensive research and development". In addition, Victor Schols, Partner of Active Capital Company and responsible for Technobis as a portfolio company said: "Active Capital Company has acquired the Technobis Group in Sept 2019 to grow the recurring businesses and scale up the integrated photonics business. Now – one year later – we realize the potential of Technobis' integrated photonics sensing is far larger than we could have hoped for. We are therefore proud and excited that Daan - with his track record in scaling up high tech companies - can help Technobis unlock this potential the next coming years."

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More information

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About Technobis

Technobis Group consists of three business units. Technobis System Supplier (TSS) is specialized in carrying out complete product development projects, going from an idea to a successful turn-key product, prototype or series product for medical, life-science and high-tech industries. Technobis Crystallization Systems (TCS) is a leading technology provider for solid-state research, process development and formulation. Integrated Photonic Sensing (IPS) is specialized in the research, development, engineering and production of Integrated Photonic Sensing modules and systems. The company develops and supplies fibre optic sensing systems and applications based on its proprietary integrated photonics technology. In addition IPS is a solution provider for PIC (Photonic Integrated Circuits) evaluation & packaging by supplying dedicated and mid-range volume packaging services. For further information about Technobis Group please visit www.technobis.com.

About Active Capital Company

Active Capital Company is an independent hands-on private equity fund focused on small- and medium sized enterprises in the Netherlands and Germany. ACC invests in production companies, equipment manufacturers and technical wholesalers/distributors with revenues between € 10m and € 100m. Through a highly entrepreneurial and active approach, ACC maximizes the long-term value of its investments by supporting management in the hands-on execution of value enhancing projects. ACC currently invests from its new fund IV which will see its final close at the hardcap of € 85m, raised from both institutional investors and entrepreneurs. For further information about Active Capital Company please visit www.activecapitalcompany.com.